



What is Body Image?

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Body image is the picture of your body that you hold in your mind. Body image is made up of many events in your life. Some examples are below:

- How your family members react to your body
- How your body changes as you grow
- Any experience of physical or sexual abuse you may have had
- How your body feels
- How you feel about being a girl or boy
- Dance, sports or other exercise classes in which you might participate
- Accidents and illnesses you may have had
- Your ethnicity and/or community
- Messages from media, such as on the internet, in magazines and in television or movies